Setting up of a Technology Data Bank in the ESCAP Region

1269. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dr. K. F. Jalal of the Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Facific has suggested setting up of a technology data bank in the ESCAP region to collect information on adoption and assimilation of foreign technologies, in view of the contribution of the region to global desertification and population and fast deforestation that continues to take place at the rate of 0.6 per cent to 2 per cent; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Government of India and other countries of the region thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sending of Notes on Sikh Terrorism to other Countries

1270. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had submitted a note regarding Sikh terrorism to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Canada, during his visit to Delhi in December, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether such notes were sent to other countries also; if so, what are the names thereof; and

(d) what response, if any, has been given by those countries, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of such communications between two Governments are treated as Confidential.

(c) and (d) The details of Sikh extremist activities have been brought to the notice of Governments concerned from time to time through formal notes as well as verbal demarches. They are well aware of the gravity of such activities and their ramification. Pakistan has denied all involvement in such activities. While the UK Government deplores activities of such elements resident in the UK, They plead legal constraints and their inability to interfere in judicial process. The Government of Ecuador has denied any establishment of the so-called "Embassy of Khalistan" in Ecuador. Other Governments have shown an understanding of the problem but sometimes pleaded legal constraints. Government of India is constantly monitoring the situation.

Reported Uranium find in Meghalaya

1271. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 16th December, 1985 regarding uranium find in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the other areas where uranium has been found during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Occurrences of Uranium have been located by Atomic Minerals Division of the Department of Atomic Energy at several places in Meghalaya in both metamorphic and sedi-

mentary formations, the details of which are given below:

State	District	Area
1. Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills	Balat, Manai, Ranikhor, Gomaghat, Aluhwadi- Rilang Nonghallam Tract.
2. Meghalaya	West Khasi Hills	Philangdiloin-Lang-Par Tract.
3. Meghalaya	Jaintia Hills	(a) T rangblang Pdenshikha area.
		(b) Wah-Sung Valley
4. Meghalaya	East and West Garo Hills	(a) Anek Asangiri-Rasubelpar, Songsikik-Nongkhara
		(b) Nangalbibra

(c) As a result of reconnaissance survey carried out by AMD during the last three years new anomalies/ occurrences of uranium have also been located in the following areas of other States:

State	District	Area
1. Haryana	Mohindergarh	Antari-Beharipur
2. Karnataka	North Kanara	Arbail
3. Arunachal Pradesh	Subansiri	Jamiri Kaying
4. Bihar	Singhbhum	Dhanjori Conglomerate
5. Orissa	Mayurbhanj	Dadam Pahar
6. Andhra Pradesh.	Nellore	Kasturi Gattu
7. Himachal Pradesh	Simla	Sanipaoni—Otha
8. Uttar Pradesh	Nainital	Kathul—Danaur
9. Rajasthan	Udaipur	Karbar—Parsad

Of these areas detailed exploratory drilling has been taken up at Arbail in North Kanara District, Karnataka to test the sub-surface behaviour of uranium mineralisation in view of the promise they show. The other areas are under various stages of investigations.

Steps for uninterrupted flow of Traffic on the Srinagar National Highway

1272. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Srinagar National Highway remained closed due to snowfall on the 25th December, 1985, if so, what is the number of days for which it remained closed during the recent winter; and

(b) whether any responsibility for non-clearance of this road for a long time was fixed and what steps Government have taken for uninterrupted flow of traffic on this highway in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT